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Dear Mr. Snow:

CALFED has been struggling with a tremendous number of competing interests for the use of California's water over the past four years, culminating with the Draft EIR. I have reviewed the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and I would like to have my comments entered into the formal record.

Below are my comments on the CALFED Bay/Delta program as currently presented in the Draft EIR:

1. We do not need any more dams, reservoirs, canals until CALFED has exhausted all avenues to implement water conservation. This is especially true during the Stage 1 or the first seven years of the program.
2. Taxpayers should not have to foot the bill for and new dams, reservoirs or canals.
3. Water conservation and increased efficiency, groundwater management, pollution prevention and reduction and drinking water treatment need to be more priority and funding than described in this report.
4. The Ecosystem Restoration Program needs to take a true ecosystem approach by including all species dependent on the Bay-Delta system, not just fish. Fish should be the focus in the initial years, but the program does not go far enough to address the full extent of the ecosystem, including San Francisco Bay, an integral part of the Bay-Delta System.
5. We need a firm guarantee of fresh water flows to restore the rivers, bays and fisheries that have been so degraded by water diversions and other activities. The watershed lands also need to be managed to protect the quantity and quality of water supplies.

Sincerely,


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Cc: Governor Gray Davis